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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO COLLECT ROCK AND FOSSIL SAMPLES FROM GEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL SITES IN THE DRÔME FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES

Application for temporary authorization for a named individual to collect geological material from geological sites of interest in the Drôme, pursuant to Article R.411-17-1 of the Environmental Code and Prefectoral Order No. 26-2025-04-02-00001 of 2 April 2025 listing the geological sites of interest within the department.

The application must be submitted to the competent authority "Service Eaux Forêts Espaces Naturels de la DDT de la Drôme" **at least four months prior to the planned sampling date.**

You may submit your application:

- **Either by email (preferred) to the following address :**

ddt-sefen@drome.gouv.fr

- **Or by post to the following address:**

*Direction Départementale des Territoires (DDT) de la Drôme / Service Eaux Forêts Espaces Naturels
4, place Laennec – BP 1013 – 26015 VALENCE CEDEX*

The application will first be examined by the Regional Commission for Geological Heritage (CRPG, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region), part of the Regional Scientific Council for Natural Heritage (CSRPN).

In the case of sampling likely to alter the condition or appearance of a site, the application will be processed in accordance with Article R.411-17-1 of the Environmental Code, i.e. following consultation with the Departmental Commission for Nature, Sites and Landscapes (CDNPS), the municipalities concerned (where the site(s) are located), and, where appropriate, the public.

Notification of the decision :

In the event of approval by the Prefecture, **the conditions and limits of the authorization granted will be specified in the official notification** (by prefectoral order) sent to the applicant. This notification must be retained by the applicant and presented upon request in the event of an on-site inspection.

If the **application is incomplete**, the applicant will receive a request for **additional information**; this will result in a **suspension of the four-month review period**.

If no response is received within four months, this shall be deemed a decision of refusal.

The Prefecture of Drôme reserves the **right to suspend authorizations** at any time and for any reason deemed necessary, particularly if **the beneficiary fails to comply with** the applicable legislation, the conditions of the authorization, and/or the commitments made in this application.

The authorizations issued are provisional and do not in any way alter the property rights of third parties. The person authorized to take samples must respect these right and obtain access and sampling permits from the owners and/or managers of the land concerned.

A. APPLICANT

Sampling is strictly reserved for scientists. An application submitted by a student will only be accepted if their Master's or PhD supervisor is listed as a co-applicant for the sampling authorization. An independent researcher (amateur or retired) may submit an application if he participates in a scientific research project and includes a co-applicant who is currently affiliated with a research institution.

1) Information relating to the applicant:

Surname, given name :

Address :

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Mobile phone number : Landline phone number :

E-mail :

Status : Affiliated researcher (institution-based) Student Independent researcher

Affiliated institution (*university, research laboratory...*) :

Name :

Address :

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Surname, given name and telephone number of the head of the research laboratory (if different from the applicant) :

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2) Information relating to the co-applicant (*if the applicant is a student or an independent researcher*) :

Surname, given name :

Mobile phone number : Landline phone number :

E-mail :

Affiliated institution (*university, research laboratory...*) :

Name :

Address :

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Surname, given name and telephone number of the head of the research laboratory (if different from the co-applicant) :

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B. PARTICIPANTS

In the case of a scientific project involving fieldwork by several individuals, please provide for each person their surname, given name, telephone number, email address, status (affiliated researcher (AR), student (St), independent researcher (IR)), institutional affiliation (university, laboratory) and address.

Surname / Given name	Telephone number / email address	Status	Institutional affiliation	Address

C. VEHICULES

If one or more vehicles are used in the field, please complete the information below (for the information of the site manager or owner, or in the event of an inspection).

Note: If this information is not known at the time of the application, please provide it at a later stage (but prior to your fieldwork) to the Drôme Departmental Directorate of Territories (DDT).

Vehicle 1 :

- Make :

- Model :

- License plate number :

- Colour :

Vehicle 2 :

- Make :

- Model :

- License plate number :

- Colour :

D. APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Is this your first application for sampling in the Drôme department on one of the protected sites ?

Yes No

If not, please provide details of the previous application(s).

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Indicate the geological site(s) protected by the prefectural listing order that will be subject to sampling :

Valanginian GSSP, municipality of Montbrun-les-Bains

Hauterivian GSSP, municipality of La Charce

Albian GSSP, municipality of Arnayon

Oxfordian Chemohermes, municipality of Beauvoisin

Planned period of your field mission on the protected site(s) :

from : to

In an appendix (one or two pages), please elaborate on the following three points :

1) Describe the research project within which this application is being made.

a) Title of the project.

b) Scientific background and objectives of the project.

c) List of recent publications related to the project.

d) Scientific purpose of the present application: initiation of a new study ? Continuation of ongoing studies? What contributions/results are expected from the analysis of the samples?

e) Will this project lead to scientific publication(s) ? Yes No

2) Describe the proposed sampling protocol.

a) Equipment to be used for sampling.

b) Specify the type of sampling :

- rock sampling for sedimentological analysis;

- rock sampling for geochemical analysis;

- rock sampling for magnetostratigraphic analysis;

- rock sampling for micro-/nanofossil analysis;

- collection of macrofossils (including those naturally exposed and found at the bed surface).

c) Estimate the sampling interval for rocks or macrofossils (e.g. every meter, every decimeter, or every bed).

d) Within each site, indicate, where possible, the geographical location of the sampling areas (attach a map or photographs).

e) Specify the stratigraphic interval (stage, substage, and if possible including ammonite zones) that will be subject to sampling.

3) In relation to paragraph 5 of the Declaration on Honour, please indicate the name and address of the French institution where the collected and studied material will be deposited in a collection, as well as the contact details of the curator/collections manager.

DECLARATION ON HONOUR

The (co-)applicant certifies that the information provided is accurate.

1) The (co-)applicant **undertakes to comply with** (a) the current legislation applicable to geological sites of interest in the Drôme, (b) the instructions contained in this application file, and (c) the conditions set out in the sampling authorization notification (cf. prefectural order).

2) The (co-)applicant **undertakes to personally supervise** field campaigns and to ensure that the sampling instructions set out in this application are followed by all participants.

3) The (co-)applicant **undertakes**, within three months, **to submit** to the Drôme Departmental Directorate of Territories (DDT) a brief activity report of the sampling campaign, including a geological log locating the stratigraphic levels from which the samples were collected.

4) If the scientific project and the associated sampling application result in one or more publications, the (co-)applicant and/or the authors of the scientific paper(s) **undertake to present** a statement of **acknowledgement** in the article(s) including the human, logistical, and/or financial support provided by the Auvergne–Rhône-Alpes Region, the Drôme Department, the relevant municipality or municipalities (to be specified), the Baronnies Provençales Regional Natural Park, and the Geology Laboratory of Lyon. These partners have contributed to the development, enhancement/promotion, and protection of the sites listed in the prefectural order that are subject to sampling authorization.

A copy of any resulting **publication(s)** shall be submitted to the DDT.

5) The samples collected (rocks and fossils) from the sites mentioned above are part of the French geological and palaeontological heritage, which the prefectural listing order for the Drôme department aims to protect and promote. The following procedures have therefore been established and the (co-)applicant and/or collaborators undertake to comply with them.

After analysis, the (co-)applicant **undertakes to ensure** that all sampled material is deposited in a curated collection with an inventory number including the nature of the sample (rock or fossil), its identification (especially for fossils), the name of the geological section, and the stratigraphic level (bed number, ammonite zone, and stage). If thin sections have been produced, they must also be deposited in the collection. A list of all deposited items (rocks, fossils, and thin sections) shall be submitted to the DDT.

- For a French (co-)applicant and/or French research team, the deposition of studied material shall be carried out in a public geological/palaeontological collection centre located in France, to be specified in the application.
- For a foreign (co-)applicant and/or foreign research team, material can be taken out of France, but on completion of the study must be deposited in the geological/palaeontological collections of the University of Lyon (Observatory of the Universe Sciences, Geology Laboratory).

Submission of this application implies acceptance of these rules and commits the signatory. Legal proceedings may be initiated by the Prefecture of Drôme, site managers, and/or landowners against any offenders.

Reminder of applicable penalties:

Violations of the provisions set out in the prefectural order listing geological sites of interest in the Drôme department are punishable under Article L.415-3 of the Environmental Code (penalties of up to three years' imprisonment and €150,000 fine).

The applicant, and where applicable, the co-applicant:

Name, date, and signature (preceded by the statement: "read and accepted")